



Buena Vista Monthly Connection

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Central Colorado Regional Airport

Summer Testing

The Central Colorado Regional Airport (CCRA) is situated at 7,946 feet in our beautiful valley and boasts one of the country's highest elevation runways, measuring 8,300 feet x 75 feet.

The airport's unique features enable CCRA to handle a variety of high altitude aircraft testing and training. Aircraft testing and training not only brings in revenue to the airport, it ensures private companies and the federal government/military are able to test aircraft for safety and reliability at high altitude. Companies conducting testing fill our restaurants, stay in hotels, and take advantage of Buena Vista's recreational amenities.

Aircraft testing and training at CCRA continues with scheduled testing in early July of aircraft by AgustaWestland and Lockheed Martin (Black Hawk Helicopters—which they have tested for the last five years at the airport). The aircraft may cause disturbance as they fly over town. We apologize and appreciate your patience as this testing is completed.

Infrastructure

The airport continues to improve infrastructure. The Town recently approved fog seal, re-striping of the runway and the purchase of the community hangar, which allows the Town to recoup all rental fees for the hangar. CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) funds awarded to the Town for the airport were used to purchase the hangar. Additionally, the community hangar connected to the terminal had roof repairs completed last month. The next step in repairs and improvements to the community hangar will be to replace the current hangar doors so that their height is 25 feet to accommodate larger corporate jets and other aircraft.

The Town is upgrading utilities with a sewer lift station and waterline expansion. The sewer lift station replaces an outdated septic system connected to hangars at the airport with sewer lines that connect to the BV Sanitation District. Two new 8-inch water lines on the southwest side of the airport are also being installed. The water lines will be important to business development at the airport. This project is paid for by CDOT Aeronautics grant funds. Diesslin Construction is the contractor working on the project. The project is scheduled for an early July completion.

Business and Marketing Planning

In addition to the 20-year Airport Master Plan being facilitated by Aviation, the Airport Advisory Board has been working on both a Business and Marketing Plan. The next Master Plan meeting is set for July 13, 2015. With the Marketing Plan's limited budget of \$6,000 in 2015, the current focus is on developing promotional materials for a scheduled roll-out in 2016.

Fly-In

A community fly-in event and celebration of CCRA is set for Saturday, September 19, 2015. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun event for the whole family! The fly-in will include a car show, live music, and a pancake breakfast.

CCRA is a wonderful asset to our community, providing general aviation service as well as service to turbine powered corporate jets, and testing opportunities.

For more information about the airport visit: <http://buenavistaco.gov/2144/Airport>